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SUBJ: MALIK STATEMENT ON NORMALIZATION OF PRC-GOI RELATIONS

1. STRAITS TIMES DEVOTED FRONT PAGE HEADLINE TO FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK COMMENTING ON CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA: "THEY ARE CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WHAT INDONESIA WANTS IS THE IMMEDIATE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA." STORY BASED ON REUTERS DESPATCH FROM JAKARTA WHICH GAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES OF MALIK STATEMENT.

2. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, GOS POSITION TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC HAS LONG BEEN THAT SINGAPORE WILL WAIT UNTIL GOI NORMALIZES RELATIONS WITH PRC BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PEKING. SINCE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW IS PLANNING TO VISIT PEKING IN MAY, GOS WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY CHANGE IN INDONESIAN POSITION

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PRIOR TO LEE'S VISIT AS THIS WOULD OF COURSE HAVE A BEARING

ON SINGAPORE'S OWN TIMING RE RECOGNITION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY JAKARTA'S READING OF SIGNIFICANCE
OF MALIK'S REMARKS AND WHETHER HIS VIEWS ARE LIKELY TO BE OVERRULED
BY INDONESIAN MILITARY AS IN THE PAST. HOLDRIDGE

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